ESSEX JCT. TODAY
55°
Low 32° · Cold front this afternoo
Tuesday: 35°, low 21°

The Morning Courier

Markets, Mountains, Box Scores & Bourbon — Delivered Before the Coffee Cools

KILLINGTON WORLD CUP
147
Snow guns at once on Superstar — a record
Women's races Saturday and Sunday

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DOW FUT. +926 ▲+1.9% · **S&P FUT.** +2.7% · **NVDA PRE** +9.4% · **PLTR** $143.49 Fri. · **MSFT PRE** +3.1% · **GAS** $3.64

WORLD · IRAN

Trump: Blockade Runners Will Sink

The president warns Iran on Fox News as Gulf states condemn the strike on Bahrain and two more tankers hit mines near Hormuz.

BY THE NUMBERS

7	Tankers hit near Hormuz since Nov. 16
2	Injured in Bahrain
4th	Attempted attack in a week
6	Arab states & groups condemning

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: FOX NEWS (VIA BREITBART), IRAN INTERNATIONAL, ABC NEWS

Iranian ships that try to run the U.S. blockade will "all be at the bottom of the sea," President Trump said in a Fox News interview Sunday. He called Iran's negotiators "professional tap dancers," and the interviewer said Trump is inclined to resume strikes after the new year if talks fail.

Bahrain now says two people were hurt in Saturday's attack on Sitra Island, which a U.S. official called the fourth attempted attack in about a week. Saudi Arabia called it "heinous"; Qatar, Kuwait, the UAE, Jordan and the Arab League also condemned it. (ABC News)

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said two more tankers "exploded and stopped due to collision with sea mines" east of the Strait of Hormuz after using "unauthorized routes." A Gulf shipping center counts seven tankers hit there since Nov. 16. Britain and Gulf allies are privately urging Washington not to strike, Bloomberg reported. (Iran International)

Iran's deputy foreign minister, Kazem Gharibabadi, said "the window of diplomacy is still open."

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

50°
Low tonight: 32°

Mild start; a cold front this afternoon. Turning breezy from the northwest. High 55°.

RAIN TODAY 20% | SNOW TODAY 0%
Much colder tonight

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE	WED	THU	FRI
35°	38°	38°	43°
R 0% S 10%	R 0% S 10%	R 85% S 0%	R 65% S 0%

R = rain, S = snow chance. Forecast data, Monday a.m.

FORECASTER'S NOTE
We called 57° Sunday; Burlington hit 61°. Streak over: 15–7.

WORLD · THE BALTIC

Sirens in Kaliningrad

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCE: AP

Air-raid sirens sounded in Russia's Kaliningrad exclave late Saturday — reportedly the first since 2022 — hours after a drone strike left the Russian cargo ship Sparta II burning in Finnish waters. Russia blamed "a suspicious object coming from the direction of Lithuania"; Lithuania "categorically rejects false claims."

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Monday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	48°	57°	34°	25%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	45°	47°	19°	35%	35%
SNOWSHOE, WV	46°	47°	25°	25%	
ROSEBURG, OR	38°	53°	38°	45%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	55°	61°	47°	10%	
CHARLOTTE, NC	58°	69°	50°	75%	
WILMINGTON, NC	64°	69°	60°	25%	
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	65°	68°	65°	10%	
FULTON, MO	31°	44°	26°	0%	
PHOENIX, AZ	50°	67°	45°	10%	



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
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MARKETS & MONEY

Futures jump as chips rebound · Trump: rehire Jensen Huang · Zoom and HPE report tonight · Monday, November 23

FRIDAY'S CLOSES · FUTURES AT 4 A.M. BELOW

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	48,147.33	−947.53	−1.93%	
S&P 500	6,910.39	−265.51	−3.70%	
Nasdaq Composite	22,617.73	−1,260.79	−5.28%	
Russell 2000	2,581.79	−73.28	−2.76%	
JB'S WATCHLIST				
Nvidia (NVDA)	125.53	−20.45	−14.01%	
Palantir (PLTR)	143.49	−10.19	−6.63%	
Microsoft (MSFT)	484.52	−13.80	−2.77%	
BIG NAMES				
Anthropic (ANT)*	88.91	−8.26	−8.50%	

Closes via Reuters, AP, Schwab. *Written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

Dow futures +1.9%, 4 a.m.	+926
S&P futures 4 a.m.	+2.7%
Nasdaq-100 fut. 4 a.m.	+3.4%
Nvidia premarket Trump post	+9%
Hang Seng Mon.	−0.1%
Kospi Mon.	−3.3%
WTI crude −0.3%	~$83
VIX easing	30.6
Gas, U.S. avg. AAA Nov. 22	$3.64

THANKSGIVING WEEK **MON.** Zoom, HPE tonight **TUE.** Confidence; Best Buy, Dell **WED.** PCE, GDP, claims; Deere **THU.–FRI.** Closed; 1 p.m. close Fri.

"Investors have been conditioned to buy on the dip," said Moody's Mark Zandi. (Yahoo Finance)

Yahoo Finance, AP, Forbes, TipRanks, AAA

MARKETS · MONDAY

A Bounce After the Rout

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: YAHOO FINANCE, AP, FORBES

Stock futures jumped early Monday after Wall Street's worst week since 2020: by 4 a.m., Dow futures were up 926 points and Nasdaq-100 futures 3.4%, led by chipmakers. Nvidia rose about 9% before the open after President Trump posted Sunday night, "I hope the Board of Nvidia rehires Jensen Huang"; the board has said it won't. (Yahoo Finance, Forbes)

"There's a lot of really high-quality companies that are on fire sale right now," said Raymond James's Matt Orton. Zoom and HPE report after today's close.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — +9.4% premarket; board says no to Huang's return. Filing due ~Dec. 4.

Palantir (PLTR) — $143.49 Friday; no early move reported.

Microsoft (MSFT) — +3.1% premarket.

AMD — +6.7% premarket.

Anthropic (ANT)* — ~+3% premarket; Needham reportedly sets a $150 target.

Black Friday — Walmart's deals opened to members at 12:01 a.m. today; everyone Tuesday.

PREMARKET MOVERS

NVDA	Nvidia	+9.40%
AMD	AMD	+6.70%
MSFT	Microsoft	+3.10%
ANT	Anthropic*	+3.00%
Kospi	South Korea	−3.30%

Best of these: Nvidia +9.4% pre Worst: Kospi −3.3%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+4.2%
S&P 500	+1.1%
Dow	+0.1%
Nasdaq	.8%

Approx., through Friday.

GAS PRICES

Regular, per gallon

AAA · Nov. 22 · Vermont down 16¢ in a week · VT diesel $6.01

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.64	$3.95	$5.59	$3.00
U.S. average	state average	Hawaii	North Carolina

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

NATION · NVIDIA

Trump Pushes for Huang's Return

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: FORBES, AL JAZEERA

President Trump wrote Sunday night that he hopes "the Board of Nvidia rehires Jensen Huang," calling it best for "the Company, and also, for the U.S.A." On Friday he told reporters, "I'd like to see Jensen make a big apology and go back." Nvidia's board, led by chair Harvey Jones, has said it will not reinstate Huang and has hired a search firm to find a permanent CEO.

The New York Times reported Sunday that former Megaspeed executive Alice Huang was in contact with an officer of China's Ministry of State Security from spring 2025 to this fall. Officials have not concluded she spied, and investigations are ongoing. (Forbes)

ELSEWHERE

Ukraine. A Russian attack near Kyiv hit an apartment building, killing two and wounding four, AP reported Sunday.

Saudi Arabia. Saudi forces intercepted a Houthi drone aimed at Riyadh on Sunday, a military spokesman said. (ABC News)

College football. Georgia stays No. 1 in the AP poll; Utah is No. 2, Notre Dame No. 3. UCLA falls to 10th and Ohio State to 25th. (AP)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · WEATHER

Thanksgiving Turns to Rain in the Valleys

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCE: WCAX

Friday's talk of heavy, wet snow for Black Friday is fading. WCAX meteorologist Peter Kvietkauskas wrote early Monday that "rain showers and mountain snow showers at higher elevations arrive Thanksgiving night into early Black Friday," turning to mainly rain in the valleys Friday — heavier at times in the morning — with highs in the low to mid 40s.

First comes the cold: a front sweeps through today, and "we fall back into the 20s and lower 30s" tonight. Tuesday's highs reach only the low to mid 30s, with teens and 20s Tuesday night. Wednesday looks sunny, and Thanksgiving Day itself mostly dry, with clouds increasing. No snow amounts yet.

KILLINGTON · WORLD CUP

A Record Night on Superstar

Killington ran 147 snow guns at once on its Superstar trail — "a new record," said Jordan Spear, vice president of mountain operations — and the women's World Cup giant slalom (Saturday, 12:30 p.m.) and slalom (Sunday, 1:30 p.m.) are on. Mikaela Shiffrin has won the Killington slalom six times. (VTDigger)

MONTPELIER · STATE WORKERS

Premiums Up 9%

Health premiums for about 26,000 people on the state employees' plan will rise 9% next year. "The governor needs to really put reforming the healthcare system at the forefront of his agenda," said VSEA's Steve Howard. (VTDigger)

AROUND THE STATE

ESSEX JCT. — Water work today. Crews are working on South Summit Street and nearby avenues today. City offices close Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. (City of Essex Junction)

STRATTON — First chair Wednesday. Stratton plans to open Wednesday, with Jay Peak, Bolton Valley, Smugglers' Notch and Bromley set for Friday. (Ski Vermont)

KILLINGTON — Meet Mikaela. Mikaela Shiffrin tapes a live podcast Friday at 4:45 p.m. at the K-1 base lodge, ahead of the weekend's World Cup races. (VTDigger)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Cold now, rain later

Sunday: Burlington 61°; we called 57°.
Record: streak over — 15–7.
Snow: still 0.0" in Burlington.
Today: 55°, then a cold front.
Tonight: down to 32°.
Tuesday: 35°, low 21°.
Thanksgiving: mostly dry by day.
Friday: rain in the valleys.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Front, 55°.
Tonight Colder, 32°.
Tue. Cold, 35°.
Wed. Sunny, 38°.
Thu. Clouds, 38°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

9–1	Bills after beating Miami
4	Straight Celtics losses
51	Cowboys points Sunday
15–7	Beat the Forecaster
3	Days to Thanksgiving

SPORTS

Bills roll past Miami · Celtics lose by one again · Jets upset the Patriots' next foe

WARRIORS 88, CELTICS 87 · SUNDAY · SAN FRANCISCO

TEAM	1	2	3	4	F
BOS	20	22	33	12	87
GSW	27	17	25	19	88

Boston led after three, then scored 12 in the fourth · Tatum 27 pts, 10 reb · White 14 · Podziemski 18

BILLS

Buffalo Rolls to 9–1

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Tyler Bass kicked four field goals, including a 54-yarder, and the Bills beat Miami 26–9. Josh Allen threw a 4-yard touchdown pass and James Cook ran one in; Buffalo outgained the Dolphins 405–185. (SportRadar)

Next: Kansas City on Thanksgiving night, 8:20.

NFL · WEEK 12 FINALS

Patriots had the week off

BUF 26, MIA 9	F
PHI 19, PIT 16	F
DET 31, TB 21	F
CAR 35, BAL 33	F
KC 34, ARI 7	F
DAL 51, TEN 30	F
NYJ 27, LAC 24	F
SF 35, MIN 10	F
CIN at WAS	8:15

Win probabilities via SportRadar. Times are Eastern Standard Time.

AFC EAST STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	GB
Buffalo	9-1	—
New England	5-5	4
NY Jets	3-8	6½
Miami	1-9	8

Via SportRadar. Patriots at Chargers Sun., Nov. 29, 4:05.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Celtics Fall by One Again

Jayson Tatum had 27 points and 10 rebounds, but Boston (11–6) scored only 12 in the fourth quarter and lost 88–87 at Golden State — a fourth straight loss, the last two by a point each. At Washington Tuesday. (SportRadar)

PATRIOTS WATCH

Jets Stun the Chargers

Sunday: Jets 27, Chargers 24; Geno Smith threw 3 TDs and the Jets sacked Justin Herbert six times.

Next: Patriots at Chargers, Sun., 4:05.

TONIGHT ON TV (ET)

NFL Bengals at Commanders, 8:15
NBA Celtics at Wizards, Tue. 8
NHL Jets at Bruins, Wed. 7

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

Wild Turkey Longbranch · A to Z Oregon Pinot Noir · make-ahead mashed potatoes for Thursday



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

WILD TURKEY · LAWRENCEBURG, KY.

Wild Turkey Longbranch

PROOF	AGE	MASH	PRICE
86	~8 yrs (NAS)	75/13/12	~$40

The actor and the distiller: creative director Matthew McConaughey worked with master distiller Eddie Russell on Longbranch, released in April 2018. (Breaking Bourbon)

Mesquite meets Kentucky: it is filtered through American white-oak charcoal, then through Texas mesquite charcoal — a nod to McConaughey's Texas roots.

How it tastes: "a very sweet bouquet of caramel, vanilla, and toffee," with a "creamy mouthfeel" and notes of honey and orange. (Breaking Bourbon)



WINE OF THE WEEK

A TO Z WINEWORKS · OREGON

A to Z Pinot Noir

GRAPE	REGION	FOUNDED	PRICE
Pinot Noir	Oregon	2002	~$20

Two couples, 100 vineyards: founded in 2002 by the Hatchers and the Tannahills, A to Z works with more than 100 Oregon vineyards and has been a certified B Corp since 2014. (B Corp directory)

Thanksgiving's red: light-bodied with bright acidity, Pinot Noir is the classic all-purpose holiday wine — turkey, cranberry and all.

How it tastes: Wine Spectator calls the 2023 "a lively quaff, with fan-friendly cherry, raspberry" notes. (Wine Spectator, Nov. 15)

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Creamy Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes

Serves 8 · make up to 2 days ahead

THE POTATOES

- 3½ lb russet potatoes
- 1½ tsp salt
- Chives, for serving

THE CREAM

- 2 cups heavy cream
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, divided
- 6 tbsp in the cream, 2 tbsp on top

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 450°F. Prick the potatoes and bake on the rack 50–60 minutes, until very soft.

2. While hot, scoop the flesh into a mixer bowl and beat on low until completely smooth.

3. Simmer the cream with 6 tablespoons butter; fold it into the potatoes with a spatula. Stir in the salt.

4. Spoon into a microwave-safe bowl, cover tightly and refrigerate up to 2 days. Do not freeze.

5. To serve, microwave at 75% power about 14 minutes, stirring halfway (or bake covered at 350°F, 30–40 minutes). Top with butter and chives.

Courier tip: Adapted from Once Upon a Chef (Jennifer Segal). Frees the stovetop on Thanksgiving Day.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Longbranch: its caramel, honey and creamy mouthfeel match the butter and cream. (Courier pick)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Oregon Pinot: bright acidity cuts the richness — and it's ready for the turkey too. (Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Scofflaw. Shake 1½ oz rye or bourbon, ½ oz dry vermouth, ½ oz bianco vermouth, ⅓ oz fresh lemon juice and a barspoon of grenadine with ice; strain into a chilled coupe; lemon twist. (Difford's Guide)

The story: In January 1924 a Boston-area banker, Delcevare King, offered $200 for a word for the "lawless drinker." "Scofflaw" won, and within days Paris bars answered with a Scofflaw cocktail for "American prohibition dodgers." (Difford's Guide, Chicago Tribune)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

Heaven Hill Goes National

Heaven Hill Bourbon's first national ad campaign, "Distilling What Matters," is running on audio, connected TV and billboards. The spots show executive chairman Max Shapira and co-president Kate Latts sharing a pour under a white oak — the "family tree." (The Whiskey Wash, Nov. 20)

On screen: Heaven Hill Bottled-in-Bond 7-Year and the new Bottled-in-Bond Double Mash.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · PREP

Bake the potatoes; chill till Thursday.

TONIGHT 8:15

Longbranch for Monday Night Football.

THANKSGIVING

Pinot with the turkey.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Pinot Noir — thin-skinned red grape of Burgundy.
Willamette Valley — Oregon's Pinot heartland.
B Corp — certified for social standards.
Acidity — the bright, mouthwatering edge.
Light-bodied — feels lighter on the tongue.
Earthy — notes of soil and mushroom.
Vintage — the year the grapes grew.
Varietal — wine named for its grape.
Decant — pour off to breathe.
Charcoal filtering — smoothing through charcoal.
Mesquite — Texas barbecue wood.
Mash bill — the grain recipe.
Rye grain — adds spice.
NAS — no age statement.
Bottled in Bond — 100 proof, 4+ years.
Vermouth — aromatized fortified wine.
Grenadine — pomegranate syrup.
Coupe — stemmed cocktail glass.

THE FUNNY PAGES

JB's Morning Strip — original art by JB, fresh lines daily



Characters and artwork © JB. Today's dialogue: The Courier.

THE WEEK-AHEAD PLANNER

Monday, Nov. 9 – Sunday, Nov. 15

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight 8:15 — Bengals at Commanders.
Tue. 8 — Celtics at Wizards.
Wed. 7 — Jets at Bruins.
Thu. 1 — Bears at Lions.
Thu. 4:30 — Eagles at Cowboys.
Thu. 8:20 — Chiefs at Bills.

AROUND VERMONT

Today — Water work, S. Summit St.
Wed. — Stratton opens.
Thu.–Fri. — Essex Jct. offices closed.
Fri. — Jay, Bolton, Smuggs open.
Sat.–Sun. — World Cup, Killington.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Mon. — Front, 55°.
Tue. — Cold, 35°.
Wed. — Sunny, 38°.
Thu. — Clouds, 38°.
Fri. — Rain, 43°.
Sat. — Showers, 41°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

RUTLAND

Strikes for Everyone

More than 100 Special Olympics Vermont athletes bowled in their regional competition at Rutland Bowlerama over the weekend. "Playing the sport is just fun," said Brandon Farrell of Rutland. "Meeting all these new people, having fun, doing the best you can." (WCAX)

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Turkey Watch

A Dana-Farber oncologist launched Cambridge Turkey Watch, where residents log wild-turkey sightings and rate each bird's mood. It has drawn 27,000 visitors and about 200 sightings. "I don't want to be useful, I want to be joyful," said Doug Rubinson. (Boston.com)

PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KAN.

A Town Has His Back

Thieves took young Sonny Gallardo's trailer and all five mowers from the landscaping business he started in sixth grade. A GoFundMe raised $37,000: "we see you and we've got your back." (Good News Network)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

A Whale of a Breath

Scientists flew a drone through humpback whales' spouts, caught their breath in sterile dishes and sequenced a whole genome — without touching a whale. (Good News Network)

KNARESBOROUGH, ENGLAND

Lights to Lift a Town

After a hard year, pub owner Christian Ogley spent about $6,000 on a dazzling holiday display. "I just wanted to do something nice to make people smile." (Good News Network)

BURLINGTON

Stitched With Care

A Burlington sewing workshop is making shower bags for cancer patients — a small comfort during treatment. (WCAX)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Tammy Stevens

Night bartender · the Screw and Brew, Cannon Beach

"He certainly made the best pastrami in Oregon."
— Chapter 37

A new face every day · catch up on Pages 9–11

SPORTS & STANDINGS

Every team in the NFL, NHL and NBA

NFL through Sunday night · NHL through Saturday · NBA through Sunday · via SportRadar

Highlighted: the Patriots, Bruins and Celtics

NFL · DIVISION STANDINGS

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
Buffalo	8	1	0	.889
New England	5	5	0	.500
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200
Miami	1	8	0	.111

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Jacksonville	7	2	0	.778
Houston	3	6	0	.333
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300
Tennessee	1	8	0	.111

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778
Denver	7	2	0	.778
Las Vegas	4	6	0	.400
L.A. Chargers	1	8	0	.111

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
N.Y. Giants	5	3	1	.611
Dallas	4	6	0	.400
Washington	3	5	1	.389
Philadelphia	2	7	0	.222

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Detroit	7	2	0	.778
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778
Chicago	7	2	0	.778
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Carolina	4	5	0	.444
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333
New Orleans	3	6	0	.333
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
San Francisco	8	1	0	.889
L.A. Rams	6	4	0	.600
Seattle	6	4	0	.600
Arizona	3	7	0	.300

NHL · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Ottawa	24	15	6	3	33
Tampa Bay	22	15	5	2	32
Montreal	24	14	6	4	32
Boston	23	15	7	1	31
Florida	24	13	8	3	29
Buffalo	23	9	10	4	22
Detroit	23	8	12	3	19
Toronto	25	8	14	3	19

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	23	17	3	3	37
New Jersey	23	15	8	0	30
N.Y. Rangers	22	13	8	1	27
N.Y. Islanders	22	11	6	5	27
Philadelphia	26	9	11	6	24
Washington	21	10	11	0	20
Columbus	21	9	12	0	18
Pittsburgh	22	7	13	2	16

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	25	17	3	5	39
Dallas	22	14	6	2	30
Colorado	23	13	7	3	29
Nashville	23	12	6	5	29
Utah	24	12	9	3	27
St. Louis	23	12	9	2	26
Winnipeg	24	11	9	4	26
Chicago	23	7	14	2	16

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	25	17	5	3	37
Vegas	25	14	6	5	33
San Jose	25	11	12	2	24
Anaheim	24	11	12	1	23
Calgary	24	10	12	2	22
Seattle	20	10	9	1	21
Los Angeles	21	7	12	2	16
Vancouver	25	6	18	1	13

Atlantic and Metropolitan: Eastern Conference · Central and Pacific: Western · PTS = 2 per win, 1 per overtime or shootout loss

NBA · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	14	3	.824	—
Boston	11	6	.647	3
New York	10	6	.625	3.5
Toronto	6	10	.375	7.5
Brooklyn	3	12	.200	10

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	10	5	.667	—
Cleveland	9	8	.529	2
Indiana	5	11	.312	5.5
Chicago	4	11	.267	6
Milwaukee	1	16	.059	10

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	10	6	.625	—
Miami	9	6	.600	0.5
Orlando	7	8	.467	2.5
Washington	6	11	.353	4.5
Charlotte	4	11	.267	5.5

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	12	5	.706	—
Denver	9	5	.643	1.5
Portland	10	6	.625	1.5
Oklahoma City	10	6	.625	1.5
Utah	3	14	.176	9

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	3	.824	—
Phoenix	8	7	.533	5
Golden State	9	8	.529	5
LA Clippers	4	11	.267	9
Sacramento	2	14	.125	11.5

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	14	3	.824	—
Houston	12	5	.706	2
Memphis	12	5	.706	2
Dallas	9	7	.562	4.5
New Orleans	5	13	.278	9.5

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Patriots (5–5) Off this week. Next: at the Chargers (1–9) Sunday at 4:05; the Jets upset L.A. 27–24 Sunday.

Bills (9–1) Beat Miami 26–9 — Tyler Bass kicked four field goals. Host Kansas City on Thanksgiving night.

Celtics (11–6) Lost 88–87 at Golden State, their fourth straight loss, despite Jayson Tatum's 27 points and 10 rebounds. At Washington Tuesday.

Bruins (15–7–1) Off until Wednesday vs. Winnipeg at 7, then Toronto Friday at 1.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Streak Over — and Here Comes the Cold

BY THE COURIER WEATHER DESK · SOURCE: FORECAST DATA · BURLINGTON CLIMATE REPORT (NWS)

We called 57° Sunday; Burlington hit 61° — 17 degrees above normal and four degrees past our two-degree window. That ends our five-game streak: Beat the Forecaster is 15–7. Today's call: 55°.

A cold front comes through today, and the bottom drops out tonight: lows near 32°, then a Tuesday high near 35° with a low of 21°. Wednesday stays dry and cold near 38°.

Thanksgiving: an 85% chance of precipitation, high near 38°, with rain or a wintry mix depending on the track. Friday stays unsettled (65%).

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 61° · Low 43°
SUNRISE	6:59 a.m.
SUNSET	4:17 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 18 min
CHANGE	-2.0 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	6 hr 14 min less light
MOON	Waxing gibbous

Sun & moon computed for Essex Jct.; temps from forecast data.

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
55° / 32°	35° / 21°	38° / 22°	38° / 25°	43° / 38°	41° / 38°	47° / 38°
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE			
RAIN 20%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 85%	RAIN 65%	RAIN 40%	RAIN 30%
SNOW 0%	SNOW 10%	SNOW 10%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%

High in red, low in blue · FREEZE = low at or below 32° · bars show the chance of rain and of snow. Forecast data.

MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & THE PLACES WE WATCH

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. — Clinton County
56° / 32° · 20%
Tuesday 36°, low 21°.

RUTLAND — Rutland County
55° / 33° · 20%
Down to 20° Tuesday night.

MONTPELIER — Washington County
54° / 31° · 20%
Tuesday high just 33°.

NEWPORT — Orleans County
52° / 29° · 20%
Coldest: 18° Tuesday night.

STRATTON — Windham County
53° / 31° · 25%
Opens Wednesday; 36° high.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 23

Season totals, Nov. 1 – Apr. 1 · The Snow Desk, Page 13

ESSEX JCT.	MIDDLEBURY	STOWE	SNOWSHOE, WV
0.0"	0.0"	4.0"	1.7"
Burlington (BTV)	Addison County	Mt. Mansfield	Highland House · Rimfire

SEVERE & NATIONAL

Carolina Rain, Desert Warmth

Charlotte has a 75% rain chance today before cooling to 56° Tuesday; Wilmington, N.C., gets another soaking Wednesday (85%). Phoenix warms from 67° today toward 78° on Thanksgiving.

Fulton, Mo., woke to 31° and may see snow Thanksgiving (55%). Roseburg, Ore., stays wet, with rain chances near 50% most of the week.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

Nature Wins This One

Sunday: we said 57°; Burlington hit 61° (4° warmer). More than 2° off counts as a loss.

Season record: 15–7 (68%)

Recent: Wed 59/59 W · Thu 58/59 W · Fri 61/63 W · Sat 59/61 W · Sun 57/61 L

Today's call: 55° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

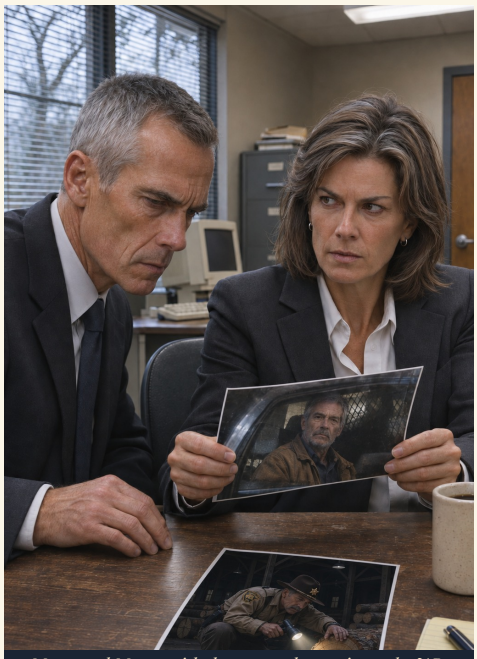
Sleet

The National Weather Service defines sleet as "pellets of ice composed of frozen or mostly frozen raindrops." Unlike freezing rain, which glazes surfaces, these pellets "usually bounce after hitting the ground." (NWS)

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 23, 1989: A Thanksgiving Day storm brought an early snow to southern New England — up to 14 inches at Yarmouth on Cape Cod — and New York City's 4.7 inches set a Thanksgiving Day record. (Old Farmer's Almanac)

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Myers and Mason with the 2 a.m. photos · image by J.B. Woods

CHAPTER 43

Not Worth the Conversation

Roseburg · November 2003

Previously: Hollis Tate told Sheriff Coyle the mill's logs were hollow. At 2 a.m. Coyle found only solid — swapped — logs and drove Hollis home. Across the road, an FBI camera was clicking.

> *"Check your mailbox. There's an envelope."*

HOLLIS TATE DIDN'T sleep. He sat in his recliner in the dark with his jacket still on and watched the window go from black to gray.

He hadn't named a single name. Not one. He'd been too scared, and he'd wanted to see what Ray Coyle would do first — whether the sheriff could be trusted, whether he could keep the FBI off him. He had only been testing the water.

But those logs.

He hadn't talked to any of the others in months, not with the FBI all over town. Somebody had swapped that load, and recently. Who the hell had done it? And where were the old ones? Were the hollow logs still rolling somewhere else, business as usual at some other yard? Were one or two of the old Pryce crew keeping it all for themselves?

And now Coyle knew about the logs. What would he do with that?

The good news, if there was any, was that Coyle hadn't found a thing. He thought Hollis was a liar.

"Who the hell called me?" Hollis said out loud to the empty room. "Why call me? Did he want me to name names?" He shook his head. "Why would anybody who was in on it want me to say his name?"

The house didn't answer.

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At eight o'clock Sunday morning, Myers and Mason had the photos spread across a table in a borrowed room at the Roseburg Police Department. Myers had picked the city police on purpose. The sheriff's office was six blocks away.

"What the hell is Coyle doing?" Myers said. He tapped one frame, then another. "Has he lost his mind? Two o'clock in the morning, and he's up on a log truck. Touching logs."

He went quiet. Then he said slowly, "Things hidden in the loads. That's what Pryce told Tess." He looked up. "He's checking to see if they're hollow."

Mason wasn't listening. She was holding the frames from that one second when the headlights bounced off the mill.

"I'll be damned," she said. "That's Hollis Tate in the passenger seat."

"Who?"

"Maintenance man at the Holiday Inn. He's been there forever. I stood in his driveway on Alder Brook Road." She set the photo down. "Dan, Gordon Pryce told Tess he had a source at that hotel — somebody who always knew when Room 118 was empty."

Myers looked at the photo a long time.

"All right. Here's how we play it," he said. "Coyle doesn't know we saw him. Nobody says a word. Let's see if he mentions it to us himself. We keep the team on the mill — see who shows up tonight, and whether Coyle comes back for a second look. We sit on this a while before we confront him."

"And Hollis?"

"Get a team on him. Twenty-four seven. Wherever he goes, I want to know. Photograph everybody who goes in or out of that house."

Mason was already reaching for the phone. On a Sunday, the soonest she could get people down from Portland was first thing Monday morning.

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Sunday night, in a dark room somewhere, a telephone rang.

"Yeah?"

The voice on the other end was low and unhurried. It was the same voice Hollis Tate had heard at midnight.

"Hollis is talking to the law," it said. "He's looking to take you down. He plans on telling the sheriff everything — names, all of it — in two days. He's putting it together for the FBI right now." A pause. "Don't take my word for it. Check your mailbox. There's an envelope. He's in it, climbing into the sheriff's car at one-thirty in the morning."

Click.

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Monday morning, Sheriff Coyle walked into Deputy Walters' office and stopped in front of the desk.

"Walters, you won't believe this."

Walters looked up. "What, Sheriff?"

Coyle opened his mouth. Then he shut it.

"Oh, it's not worth the conversation," he said, and walked out.

At ten o'clock the Holiday Inn called. Hollis Tate hadn't come in for his shift and hadn't called. Nobody there could remember the last time that had happened.

Coyle dialed Hollis's number himself. It rang and rang.

He put the phone down and leaned into Walters' doorway.

"Run out to Alder Brook Road," he said. "Do a welfare check on Hollis Tate."

"Something wrong?"

"Just go."

Coyle didn't say why. Walters didn't ask twice.

Twenty minutes later Walters pulled into the gravel driveway at 65 Alder Brook Road. Hollis's blue pickup sat in the yard where it always did. The porch light was still on in broad daylight.

Walters climbed the steps and knocked.

Nothing.

He knocked again, harder. "Hollis? It's Cal Walters. Sheriff's office."

Inside, the house was perfectly still.

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · *Catch up: Reader's Guide, Pages 9–11.* *Chapter 44 coming soon*

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

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October 2003. Roseburg is a timber town still sore from the mill closures of the '90s. When its most prominent mill owner vanishes, a reporter who came home to start over finds a town where everybody knows something, and nobody is saying it.

CHAPTER 1

Lights On Till Eleven

On a rainy Monday night at the Umpqua Ledger, editor Walt Brenner put Tess Halloran on a quiet story: Gordon Pryce, owner of the shuttered Pryce Lumber mill, left the Elks Lodge Friday and never got home. Then the police scanner crackled: a dark Lincoln, abandoned on Highway 138, keys in it.

CHAPTER 2

Whoever Left It There

At a pullout past Glide near Toketee Falls, a deputy turned Tess away from Pryce's Lincoln, its door open and wheels turned neatly toward the river. After pie at Del's Riverside Diner, she was on Sheriff Ray Coyle's porch at seven. The wallet held $200, he said. Whoever left the car wanted it found.

CHAPTER 3

The Sister at the Bar

Del told Tess nobody stops at that pullout by accident. At the Idle Hour, Big Dave said Gordon had been scared all summer and pointed her to "Tic Tac." A woman drank Tess's whiskey and told her to leave him alone. She was his sister — and her brother had told Coyle what he saw Friday night.

CHAPTER 4

Forty Dollars a Plate

Coyle still wasn't talking, and the Pryces had hired a Eugene lawyer. Over dinner at Brix Grill, PI friends Kally and Teresa of Eye Spy named Tic Tac in unison: "Oh, Josh Foster?" Outside, Kally added that Josh had called their office Monday asking what it costs to run a license plate.

CHAPTER 5

If I End Up in the River

Trent Pryce said he was home watching the game with his mother. At Abby's Pizza, Josh Foster told Tess he saw Pryce's Lincoln heading up the canyon Friday with a dark pickup behind it, no lights, and got part of a plate. As he walked away, a dark pickup idling at the curb pulled out and followed.

CHAPTER 6

Patient as the Rain

At Fred Meyer, Tess ran into old neighbor Buck, who had worked for Gordon and tipped her to his hidden fishing hole at Cavitt Creek and Little River. She asked Eye Spy to search it. At home, a message from Darla Foster: Josh never showed, his truck and gear were gone. Where was her brother?

CHAPTER 7

The Third Time Today

With Big Dave beside her, Tess went back to the Idle Hour on Friday, where Darla blamed her for Josh's disappearance. Roseburg police came looking for Josh over a coin-shop break-in. Then a dark pickup roared past with no lights, and the cruiser lost it. Darla said it was the third time today.

CHAPTER 8

Your Case, Not Ours

Deputy Cal Walters got a tip that the dark pickup had been parked at the Holiday Inn by the river. A dog walker then brought in a stag-handled knife found below the decks, engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987. Coyle had it logged as found property, then dialed a number twice. Nobody answered.

CHAPTER 9

Up Little River

Kally and Teresa searched Cavitt Creek and Little River. At a hidden pool off a gravel spur, Kally found a rusted tackle box with "G.P." carved in the lid — and a torn mayonnaise packet sitting on top of the silt. They called Tess. "Don't tell anyone else you found it," she said. "Bring it to me."

CHAPTER 10

August 1987

Kally delivered the tackle box to the Ledger — "No, Tess. Mayonnaise!" — and it went back to Eye Spy under lock. Channel 9 reported Commissioner Harlan Voss missing since Sunday, his wife Tiffany pleading for him to come home. At six, a typed note waited on Tess's desk: "Ask them about August 1987."

CHAPTER 11

Behind the Hedge

Tiffany Voss let Tess into the plain, dusty house behind the hedge. Sunday evening, she said, Harlan took a call from Josh Foster, said "Don't wait up" and left, scared. Then Walters phoned: Harlan's wallet had turned up at a truck stop on I-5 at Rice Hill. Harlan never goes north, Tiffany said.

CHAPTER 12

The Tin in the Gravel

FBI profiler Christine Mason arrived and faced down Coyle. Harlan's wallet held cash receipts from the K&R Drive-In and the Ranch Motel; somebody wanted them looking north, she said. An anonymous caller sent Tess to Rice Hill, where she found Josh's dented mint tin behind the motel.

CHAPTER 13

The Brass Key

Inside the tin was a brass key stamped 1987. Tess gave it to Mason at Carlos in Winston. At the Idle Hour, Darla broke down: Josh had said Gordon and Harlan were in danger. Next morning at Del's, Del told Tess that Owen Marsh was out of prison, back in town and asking around about Harlan Voss.

CHAPTER 14

The Twin Knife

On a day off at Seven Feathers in Canyonville, Tess pulled old neighbor Owen Marsh out of a fight with casino security. He said he spent the Pryce weekend at the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach. At the Holiday Inn, Marisol Reyes found a second 1987 knife in Room 118. The guest two doors down: Marsh.

CHAPTER 15

The Door That Wasn't Locked

Walters found that 118's deck door looked locked but wasn't. Owen Marsh said he liked that room, then drove off in a dark blue pickup. Coyle ordered the knife brought to him. Walters called Tess from a pay phone, and she sent Kally and Teresa to Cannon Beach to visit the Screw and Brew.

CHAPTER 16

The Screw and Brew

Kally and Teresa drove I-5 to the coast, stopping at rest areas and plotting how to bring up Owen Marsh with Freddy, the Screw and Brew's pastrami cook. But the sign said no pastrami today. Waitress Sally whispered why: Freddy had been found stabbed to death in an alley the night before.

CHAPTER 17

Alive a Minute Ago

Kally phoned Tess with the news. Heather said Owen had checked out of the Holiday Inn three days earlier. That night at the Idle Hour, Josh whispered to Darla by phone that Pryce and Harlan were alive — then came a gunshot and silence. Darla called Tess: "My brother's alive. Or he was a minute ago."

CHAPTER 18

The Phone Didn't Ring

Tess hurried to the Idle Hour and called Mason, who arrived with Walters and Coyle. Coyle detained Darla for questioning; Josh was now a suspect, to be named armed and dangerous at a press conference in the morning. Darla told them to arrest her or get out. They left, and the phone never rang again.

CHAPTER 19

Room 118

At City Hall, Coyle said there were no suspects and never named Josh. Buck heckled him. A dark pickup flashed through an intersection, and a figure in black slipped away from behind a maple as Darla cried, "Josh!" Coyle took no questions. Tess phoned the Holiday Inn and reserved Room 118.

CHAPTER 20

Not a One-Glass Night

Home on Pine Street with wine, cheese and the late news, Tess traded thoughts with Teresa by phone, then dozed. After ten, a heavy thud hit her front door. Nobody was there — only a third 1987 knife driven into the wood, with a pencil note: "STOP DIGGING OR YOU'LL GO FOR A SWIM TOO."

CHAPTER 21

Rubber Gloves and White Wine

Walters bagged the knife, and Mason cast a shoe print in Tess's yard. Next day Tess checked into Room 118, with Kally and Teresa next door in 116. After white wine, chips and Kally's own bedsheets, Tess bolted the deck door and slept. At 3:08 a figure stood at the foot of her bed. "It's you!"

CHAPTER 22

Pale as Chalk

Kally and Teresa heard the scream and got Heather's master key, but 118 was empty, the deck door open. Tess was gone. Police, Coyle, Walters and Mason arrived as a motorboat droned downriver. At dawn Mason cast a fresh shoe print below the deck, almost sure it matched the one from Tess's yard.

CHAPTER 23

Count to a Hundred

Hooded and tied, Tess was taken by boat and truck to a hillside log bunker, stocked with mayonnaise packets. Her captor said his hotel source had failed him, that he was hunted, and that the mill shipped more than lumber. At dusk he left her by I-5 near Rice Hill. She said his name: Gordon Pryce.

CHAPTER 24

Focus, Tess

From Rice Hill, Tess called Eye Spy, then told Coyle that Gordon Pryce was alive, probably near his Little River fishing hole. Coyle sent Walters to search at first light and called a press conference to name Pryce armed and dangerous. Instead he announced Pryce had been found stabbed to death.

CHAPTER 25

Under the Lab Lights

Mason told Coyle the two shoe casts didn't match after all and more agents were coming; Coyle left town. Near where Pryce died, she found a print matching the cast from Tess's yard. Karen Marsh at the Holiday Inn said Coyle had let 118 be rented again. Karen, Walters said, is Owen Marsh's cousin.

CHAPTER 26

65 Alder Brook Road

Mason and Walters questioned maintenance man Hollis Tate at 65 Alder Brook Road. He was "sure" he fixed 118's deck door, and he named Harlan Voss and Josh Foster as missing without being asked. Doubling back, lights off, Walters found Tate's pickup parked and Tate at his window on the phone.

CHAPTER 27

Behind the Boulders

FBI agent Dan Myers arrived, and the lab matched the creek print to the one from Tess's yard. Guided by Tess, agents found Pryce's bunker behind mossy boulders, swept bare except for a pile of mayonnaise packets. Walters called Coyle from Glide. The sheriff asked: "Was there anything left inside?"

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CHAPTER 28

Something in the Wall

Marisol Reyes told Myers and Mason that Josh Foster, on the renovation crew, found a heavy metal box inside 118's wall. Karen Marsh admitted Tiffany Voss had requested 118 the night before. Coyle returned, and Myers sealed the room. Next stop: Mrs. Voss — and the agents still had to find Tic Tac.

CHAPTER 29

The Silent Partner

Driving up the hill, Mason bet Myers a slice of Abby's that the brass 1987 key from Josh's mint tin opens the safe from Room 118. Tiffany Voss said Harlan told her to retrieve a hidden compartment in 118's closet if he vanished; she found nothing. Harlan, she said, was Gordon's silent partner.

CHAPTER 30

Road Trip to the Running Y

The FBI found nothing in Room 118 and set up secret surveillance from across the river. On Highway 140 at dusk, in the first flurries, a blue car raced past and Tess swore the driver was Harlan Voss. Mason told her Harlan was Gordon's silent partner; Walters found the car was stolen.

CHAPTER 31

Over the Rim

The stolen blue car turned up abandoned at Crater Lake. At the rim, Ranger Montgomery Smith spotted two hikers below the rim, where no one is allowed: Owen and Karen Marsh. That night Tess's room at the Rogue Regency was 118. By morning, a note on the old typewriter read: 1987.

CHAPTER 32

By Request

Tess drove the note straight to Roseburg. At checkout, the clerk said a woman had called asking for Room 118 in Tess's name. The stolen car's owner lost it at Seven Feathers, helping a woman in a wheelchair. In his office, Sheriff Coyle had his boots up on the desk — and Myers and Mason saw the tread.

CHAPTER 33

Above the Fold

At the Rogue Regency, clerk Kyle told Kally and Teresa the woman who asked for Room 118 called from a pay phone, a man talking beside her — and she didn't sound old. A back-door lock had been busted. Mason and Myers quietly began checking the sheriff's boots. Walt ordered Tess to write; her story, "Harlan Voss Spotted Near Crater Lake," was the talk of the town. Then Seven Feathers called Walters: the cameras had caught something.

CHAPTER 34

Who Came for the Wallet

Myers pulled the team off Room 118. At Seven Feathers, security chief Kevin Chase showed the tape: the wheelchair was placed so the retiree had to stop, a man from the bushes took his car in 30 seconds, and the "elderly" woman stood up and walked off — clearly in disguise. The boot prints turned out to match standard-issue Danners worn by deputies from Medford to Portland. At the Rice Hill truck stop, Mason learned Sheriff Coyle had picked up Harlan's wallet himself and asked if anything else had been left behind. At the Ranch Motel, the registration card was signed "H. VOSS" in careful block letters.

CHAPTER 35

Not His Hand

At the Voss house, Trent Pryce tried to send Mason to the family lawyer, but Tiffany came down and said the H. VOSS card was not Harlan's writing — and Harlan never left his wallet anywhere. Mason scolded Tess for her Crater Lake story and warned her to be careful. Kally and Teresa told Tess that Karen Marsh had arrests in Rutland, Vermont. Myers' lab matched the wheelchair prints to Karen. Then Deputy Walters called Myers alone: a back-side Seven Feathers camera showed the driver of the stolen car. It was Harlan Voss.

CHAPTER 36

Every Hand in That Car

The FBI went over the stolen Toyota in a Roseburg police garage and found a plain Crater Lake tourist map — and the fingerprints of both Owen and Karen Marsh. Karen skipped work and vanished; Myers put out an alert for her, and Owen couldn't be found either. Walters quietly told Tess that Harlan Voss had been driving, and Walt ordered the story onto Monday's front page. That night a stranger called Tiffany Voss: get them what they're looking for, or Harlan dies, and she's next. Then a 1987 county knife hit her door. Tess and Kally reminded the FBI about Freddy's murder, and Myers sent Mason to Cannon Beach to look for Owen.

CHAPTER 37

Where the Rock Should Be

Deputy Walters took a sudden vacation to Cannon Beach, and Gloria told Tess. Agent Mason found him at the Screw and Brew; a call from Myers died in thick fog with only "Tic Tac" coming through. That night she watched Walters leave in a car driven by a man she couldn't see. Bartender Tammy Stevens said Freddy Dunn had always watched his back — and had written down his pastrami recipe, as if he knew his time was coming.

CHAPTER 38

Over His Shoulder

An anonymous caller claimed Tic Tac had been seen at a Medford speakeasy. In Cannon Beach, someone had torn apart Freddy Dunn's empty house; his sister, Samantha, found it. Freddy cut through the alley where he died every night. Manager Sally Lindgren said his two friends were Owen and Tic Tac, who came in once after Freddy died. Walters didn't answer Mason's call, and she drove back to Roseburg.

CHAPTER 39

Eighty-Seven

A hiker on a closed trail found a body on a ledge at Crater Lake. It was Harlan Voss, stabbed eighty-seven times, and the FBI put Myers and Mason in charge; Trent Pryce was missing. Tess heard first from a source at the medical examiner's office. At the news conference she asked whether Owen and Karen Marsh were suspects — "Next question," Myers said. Walt shouted, "That's my girl!" Coyle and Walters watched without expression.

CHAPTER 40

More Than Lumber

Back in Roseburg, Tess found Agents Myers and Mason waiting at the Ledger, with Walt sitting in. Myers scolded her for naming Owen and Karen Marsh on TV, then laid out the FBI's theory: a ring of locals had shipped goods out of the closed Pryce mill, and now they were killing each other off. An anonymous caller had told the FBI the trucks kept rolling after 1991; Sheriff Coyle vouched for an endless inventory nobody inspected. Mason said someone is fixated on 1987. Tess finally told them Pryce's words: a hotel source for Room 118, money owed, "more than lumber... things hidden in the loads." When she said the story would run Monday, both agents shouted: "NO, TESS!" Walt said nothing.

CHAPTER 41

Nowhere but My Desk

That night, with the newsroom empty, Walt called Tess into his office and ordered her to hold the Pryce story: write it, but it goes nowhere except his desk. Deputy Walters cut his vacation short. Mason called him to ask about the friend she saw him with in Cannon Beach; he said it was an old friend and changed the subject to the weather. Myers and Mason told Sheriff Coyle the FBI was putting together a team to go through Pryce Lumber in a few days. Coyle said the inventory was long gone and that Trent Pryce had really run the place for three years. When Myers asked how he was involved, Coyle threw them out. Outside, Myers ordered his team to start watching the mill that night.

CHAPTER 42

Knock on Wood

Near midnight Saturday, an anonymous caller told hotel maintenance man Hollis Tate to come clean "before you take the rap on everything." Hollis called Sheriff Coyle, who picked him up at 1:30 a.m. Hollis said the mill's logs were hollowed out to hide things, and he feared he was the fall guy. At 2:03, with an FBI camera watching unseen, Coyle climbed a loaded truck and knocked — all solid. The logs were fresh-cut on a truck that hadn't moved in a year: someone had swapped the load. Coyle said nothing and drove Hollis home.

CHAPTER 43

Not Worth the Conversation

Hollis sat up all night: he had named no names, and someone had swapped the logs. Sunday morning at the Roseburg police department, Myers saw Coyle on the log truck and guessed the logs were hollow; Mason recognized Hollis in the cruiser. Myers ordered silence toward Coyle and a team on Hollis from Monday morning. Sunday night the same voice told someone Hollis was talking, pointing to an envelope with a photo of him getting into the sheriff's car. Monday, Hollis never came to work; Walters found his pickup in the yard, the porch light on — and no answer.

THE CASE BOARD

Where things stand through Chapter 43

THE DEAD

- Gordon Pryce — lumber baron. Found stabbed off Little River Road with a 1987 county knife (Ch. 24).
- Freddy Dunn — Owen's prison friend and alibi. Stabbed in a Cannon Beach alley (Ch. 16, 38).
- Harlan Voss — found on the Crater Lake shore, stabbed 87 times (Ch. 39).

MISSING · ON THE RUN

- Josh "Tic Tac" Foster — gone since October; a tipster puts him at a Medford speakeasy.
- Owen Marsh — can't be found.
- Karen Marsh — skipped work; FBI alert out.
- Trent Pryce — missing; Coyle says he has run Pryce Lumber for three years.

PERSONS OF INTEREST

- Owen & Karen Marsh — prints in the stolen car. FBI: "Next question."
- Sheriff Coyle — vouched for the mill; threw out the FBI; heard Hollis confess, told no one.
- Hollis Tate — told Coyle the logs were hollow. Now missing; truck still home.

THE CLUES

- Four 1987 county knives.
- A 1987 key; a box gone from 118's wall.
- "Ask them about August 1987." Harlan: 87 wounds.
- Pryce: "more than lumber."
- A swapped load: fresh logs on a dead truck.

OPEN QUESTIONS

- Who killed Gordon, Freddy and Harlan — the same hand?
- What was hidden in the loads — and what are "they" looking for?
- Where are Tic Tac and Trent?
- Who called Hollis — and who got the envelope?
- What happened in August 1987?

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THE LEDGER

Tess Halloran — Our lead, 34. Reporter at the Umpqua Ledger. Grew up in Winston, laid off from a Portland daily, came home. Daughter of the late Frank Halloran, a faller at Pryce Lumber.

Walt Brenner — Ledger editor. Gruff and protective; keeps stories tight in the conference room until they're ready.

Gloria Bordiam — New staff reporter and newsroom busybody. Tells Tess what to eat — and orders it for her.

THE MISSING

Gordon Pryce — Owner of the closed Pryce Lumber mill. Faked his disappearance and hid in the woods; found stabbed to death.

Josh "Tic Tac" Foster — Idle Hour regular (40s, Mariners cap, rattles a mint box). Saw the dark pickup tailing the Lincoln; vanished. Called Darla (Ch. 17); a gunshot. Worked the hotel renovation.

Harlan Voss — Douglas County commissioner. Left home Sunday about 6 p.m. after a call from Josh Foster; his wallet turned up at the Rice Hill truck stop on I-5.

THE PRYCE HOUSEHOLD

Trent Pryce — Gordon's son, 35, running for county commission. Says he was home all night watching the game with his mother.

Evelyn Pryce — Gordon's wife. Watches silently in a gray cardigan.

Martin Kessler — The family's Eugene lawyer. Shuts down interviews.

THE VOSS HOUSEHOLD

Tiffany Voss — Harlan's wife of 18 years; nobody knows her real name. Flashy in public, plain at home. Says Harlan was Gordon's silent partner.

THE LAW

Sheriff Ray Coyle — Douglas County sheriff. Stonewalls Tess, downplayed Josh's statement, keeps the river knife quiet — and didn't ask for the FBI.

Deputy Cal Walters — 28. The only lawman who seems to care. Quietly feeds Mason and Tess what he finds.

Christine Mason — FBI profiler, about 50. Takes no guff from Coyle. Holds Josh's tin and the key.

Dan Myers — Mason's FBI boss, late 50s, triathlete. All business; unimpressed by Coyle.

Officer Ron & partner — Roseburg police. Want Josh about a break-in at Umpqua Gold & Coin; lose the pickup in a chase.

FRIENDS & ALLIES

Teresa Juniper — Eye Spy Investigations co-owner, Tess's friend since high school. Tea drinker; has an office cat in Klamath Falls.

Kallysta "Kally" Hawthorn — Eye Spy co-owner, self-declared germaphobe, transplanted from back East. Found the "G.P." tackle box.

Big Dave — Shift supervisor at the veneer plant south of town; knew Tess's father. Her Idle Hour escort.

Buck — Tess's old Winston neighbor (red suspenders, calls her "Tessie"). Worked for Gordon fifteen years.

Del — Runs the diner in Glide on Hwy 138; drove log trucks thirty years. Marionberry pie and advice. Keeps a faded snapshot of his "niece" by the register.

Flo — Waitress at Del's for as long as Tess can remember. Pink uniform, pencil behind her ear: "Sit anywhere, hon."

THE IDLE HOUR CROWD

Darla Foster — Josh's protective older sister; raised him. Tends bar part-time and is thawing toward Tess.

Herb & Rocky — Herb, in a fishing vest, waltzes with Rocky, a googly-eyed pet rock.

The owners — Brothers who flip coins to decide who pays for drinks.

TOWNSFOLK & WITNESSES

Earl Haskins — Graveyard-shift cabinet-shop worker who tipped police about the pickup.

Heather — Holiday Inn front-desk clerk; doesn't notice trucks. Called Walters about Room 118.

Marisol Reyes — Hotel housekeeper; found the 118 knife.

Hollis Tate — Holiday Inn maintenance chief, nearly 16 years; 65 Alder Brook Road.

Karen Marsh — Holiday Inn desk clerk; Owen Marsh's cousin. Climbed out of the Crater Lake caldera with Owen (Ch. 31).

Lorraine Pettibone & Moose — Retired teacher and her beagle, who found the engraved knife.

Janet Marsh — Local woman whose funeral Tess covered three weeks before the story opens.

Owen Marsh — Janet's son, about 28; 6-foot-5. Tess babysat him. In and out of prison since 18. Says he was in Cannon Beach the Pryce weekend; stayed two doors from Room 118. Drives a dark blue pickup.

Freddy — Smoker chef at the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach; met Owen in prison. Found stabbed to death in an alley (Ch. 16).

Sally — Screw and Brew waitress who breaks the news.

The Ranch Motel clerk — Kind, tired, reading glasses on a chain. Remembers a man paying cash Sunday night; didn't see him leave.

Montgomery Smith — Crater Lake park ranger; caught Owen and Karen below the rim (Ch. 31).

THE EVIDENCE LOCKER

The Lincoln — Gordon's car, wheels turned neatly toward the river, wallet on the seat with $200.

The knife — Stag-handled, engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987. Found in the shallows; Coyle had it logged as found property.

The tackle box — Silt-filled, "G.P." carved in the lid, a torn mayonnaise packet on top. Locked up by Eye Spy.

The note — Unstamped, on Tess's desk: "Ask them about August 1987."

The second note — Under Rogue Regency Room 118's door, same typewriter: "1987 — You were standing in the right place today." Now with the FBI.

The request call — A woman phoned the Rogue Regency as "Tess" and asked for Room 118 (Ch. 32).

Harlan's wallet — Tossed in a Rice Hill truck-stop trash can, $41 inside, plus cash receipts from the K&R Drive-In (Sunday, 9:12 p.m.) and the Ranch Motel.

The mint tin — Dented, in a puddle in the tire ruts behind the Ranch Motel. Josh's — still holding his Tic Tacs. Now with the FBI.

The brass key — Small, worn, stamped "1987," found under the mints. Now with the FBI.

Room 118's back door — Looks locked but opens with a tug; the strike plate was tampered with. A private way in from the river deck.

The second knife — In an ottoman in Holiday Inn Room 118: stag handle, dried blood, same 1987 engraving. The river knife's twin.

KEY TIMES

Gordon Pryce: Friday night: leaves the Elks Lodge · about 10 p.m.: calls home to take a drive "up the river" · about 10:30: Josh sees the Lincoln heading up the canyon, a dark pickup behind it with no lights · next morning: the wallet is still on the seat.

Harlan Voss: Sunday, about 6 p.m.: leaves home after a call from Josh · Sunday night: cash at the K&R and the Ranch Motel · Tuesday: the wallet turns up at Rice Hill · Wednesday: the FBI arrives.

KEY PLACES

Roseburg · Glide · Hwy 138 pullout near Toketee Falls · Idle Hour Tavern · Umpqua Ledger · Brix Grill · Abby's Pizza · Fred Meyer · Holiday Inn on the South Umpqua · Cavitt Creek & Little River · the Voss house on the hill · Rice Hill, 25 miles north on I-5: the truck stop, the K&R Drive-In and the Ranch Motel · Carlos, Winston · Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville · the Screw and Brew, Cannon Beach

THE CRIME DESK

Cold cases · Blotter · Court watch · This day in history · Scams · Trivia

COLD CASE FILE

Brattleboro, Vermont · 1981

Donald Norcia: The Fire on Elliott Street

In 1981, Brattleboro firefighters answering a house fire on Elliott Street found a man dead inside.

He was Donald Norcia, 39. The medical examiner found he had died before the fire started — the fire neither caused nor contributed to his death. It was ruled a homicide.

Investigators have long believed the fire was set to cover up the crime. No one has ever been charged.

The case belongs to the Brattleboro Police and the Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit. (VSP case 579-658)

Tips: VSP, 802-244-8727; vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous); or text VTIPS to 274637. (Vermont State Police)

CASE FACTS

NAME
Donald Norcia
AGE
39
WHERE
Elliott St., Brattleboro
YEAR
1981
CASE
579-658
STATUS
Unsolved
TIPS
802-244-8727

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

ORWELL — A crash near Needham Hill Road closed both lanes of Route 22A Saturday morning; one lane reopened within about 15 minutes. (VSP New Haven)

BENNINGTON — An Arlington man hit a deer on U.S. 7 near Exit 1 Friday evening. No one was hurt, but his Subaru was totaled. (VSP Shaftsbury)

DERBY LINE — An 89-year-old driver was flown to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center after pulling onto U.S. 5 and colliding with another car Saturday; the other driver was not hurt. (VSP Derby)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Burlington (federal) — Jessica Russell, 43, of Williamstown was sentenced Friday to 20 months in prison and ordered to repay $84,420 after pleading guilty to wire fraud. Prosecutors said she befriended an elderly woman with dementia, called her "mom" and drained her account. (U.S. Attorney's Office)

Boston (federal) — A judge struck down a Homeland Security rule capping international students' visa stays at four years, calling it arbitrary and beyond the agency's authority. The administration may appeal. (Higher Ed Dive)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

WHITEY BULGER

For 16 years, South Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger — wanted in 19 murders, with a reward of up to $2 million — eluded the FBI. In June 2011 agents tried something new: a 30-second TV ad about his companion, Catherine Greig, aimed at women who might meet her at salons. "We believed that locating Greig would lead us to Bulger," said Special Agent Richard Teahan. A tip came in June 21; the next day agents lured Bulger out of a Santa Monica apartment and arrested both. Inside: more than $800,000 in cash and over 30 guns. (FBI)

ON THIS DAY IN CRIME HISTORY

November 23

1859 — Billy the Kid Born
Henry McCarty — later William H. Bonney, "Billy the Kid" — was born in New York City. He became the most famous outlaw of the Lincoln County War and was shot dead by Sheriff Pat Garrett in 1881.

1876 — Boss Tweed Returns
William "Boss" Tweed, the Tammany Hall chief who had fled to Spain after escaping jail, was handed over to U.S. authorities and returned to New York. He died in prison in 1878.

1910 — Dr. Crippen Hanged
Hawley Harvey Crippen was hanged at London's Pentonville Prison for the murder of his wife, Cora — a case famous for his capture at sea after a wireless message to Scotland Yard.

2006 — Poisoned in London
Former Russian security officer Alexander Litvinenko died of polonium poisoning in London. A British inquiry later said the killing was "probably approved" by Vladimir Putin.

Sources: History.com, History Today, PBS/AP.

SCAM ALERT

Cyber Monday Look-Alikes

South Dakota's attorney general warns of look-alike online stores with too-good prices, tampered gift cards and fake "your package is waiting" texts. "The holiday season is especially lucrative for scammers," Marty Jackley said. (Dakota News Now, Nov. 18)

Tips: don't click links in unexpected messages — go to the shipper directly; check gift-card packaging and the strip over the code; pay by credit card.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

In 1893 an Austrian jurist published a handbook for examining magistrates and coined a word for the scientific study of crime evidence. What was the word — and who was he?

Answer: "criminalistics," coined by Hans Gross. (Britannica)

THE SNOW DESK

Season tracking Nov. 1 – Apr. 1 · all totals in inches

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

Day 23 OF 152 · 8.9" · Black Canyon Of The Gunnison, CO

Totals through Sunday, Nov. 22

NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR 1

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 3.2" · Depth: 0"

MIDDLEBURY

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Nearest observer reports
No report = no observer reading that day

STOWE

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	4.0"

Mt. Mansfield / Stowe observers
No report = no observer reading that day

SNOWSHOE, WV

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	1.7"

Snowshoe observer (4,780 ft)
No report = no observer reading that day

THE CITY SNOW BOARD · OFFICIAL NWS TOTALS

CITY	LAST 24 HRS	MONTH	SEASON	NORMAL	+/-	DEPTH
Burlington, Vt.	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	-3.2	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.3	0
Portland, Maine					report not available	
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	-6.3	0.0
Concord, N.H.					report not available	
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.3	-1.0	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	5.5	-5.2	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	-4.5	0.0
New York City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.2	0.0
Erie, Pa.	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	-5.8	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	-1.0	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	-0.9	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	-4.3	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.7	0.7	4.4	-3.7	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska					report not available	

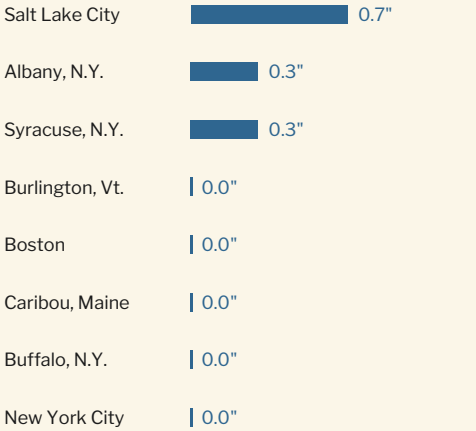
NWS Daily Climate Reports. Season and normal count from Nov. 1. T = trace. Depth = snow on the ground, inches.

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	Black Canyon Of The Gunnison, CO Elev. 8179 ft	8.9"
2	Colona 4.2 NW, CO Elev. 6611 ft	8.9"
3	Livingston 6.6 ESE, MT Elev. 5558 ft	8.5"
4	Ridgway 5.3 NNW, CO Elev. 7828 ft	7.9"
5	Ridgway 3.3 NNW, CO Elev. 7644 ft	7.5"
6	East Glacier Park 0.7 SE, MT Elev. 4764 ft	7.5"
7	Cora 14.2 N, WY Elev. 7736 ft	7.5"
8	Soda Springs 1.3 WSW, ID Elev. 5771 ft	7.0"
9	Ridgway 3.4 N, CO Elev. 7546 ft	6.9"

SEASON LEADERS · CITIES



SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

Opening day in 2 days — Wed., Nov. 25 (target, weather permitting)

Now: Partly cloudy and 46° this morning.

Today: 47°, falling to 25° tonight.

Tuesday: 38°, low 24° — snowmaking cold.

Opening day: Wednesday, Nov. 25: high 36°, low 24°.

Thanksgiving: 42°, 85% chance of precipitation.

Friday: High just 30°, 25% chance of snow.

Countdown: Two days to the Nov. 25 opening target.

SNOW NOTES

Day 23 — still zero. Burlington hit 61° Sunday. Normal snow by now: about 3.5" for the season; we have 0.0" (NWS).

The cold arrives tonight. Lows near 32° tonight, then highs near 35° Tuesday and lows near 21° Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Essex — snowmaking weather at last.

Thanksgiving storm watch. Our forecast holds an 85% chance of precipitation Thursday, high near 38°, and 65% Friday.

Mountains: Mt. Washington's summit drops to a high near 20° Tuesday; Stratton plans to open Wednesday.

PUZZLES & GAMES

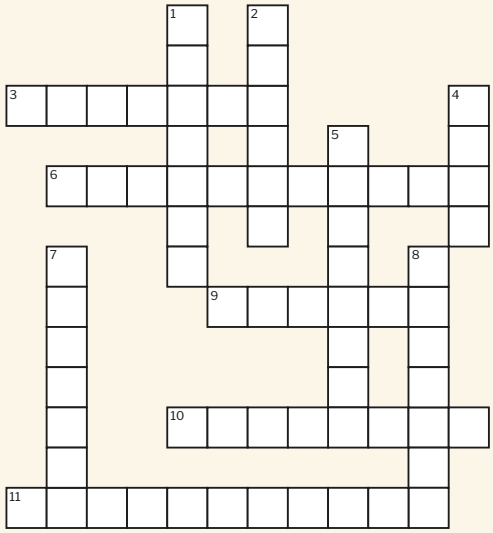
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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	3	4			1	5		

Fill every row, column and 3×3 box with 1–9.

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · LONGBRANCH & THE TILLERMAN



ACROSS

3 Otis, "Dock of the Bay" singer (7)
6 Breathalyzer's balloon ancestor (11)
9 Gangster caught by his ledgers (6)
10 Bruin who scored four Saturday (8)
11 Sign whose season starts today (11)

DOWN

1 Tuscan red with a black rooster (7)
2 Drink behind an 1826 West Point riot (6)
4 ___ Brooks, the brand with no founder (4)
5 Talking Heads bassist Tina, 76 today (8)
7 1977 South Burlington cold case (7)
8 Band behind the White Album (7)

WORD SEARCH · THE SUPERMOON

M	M	S	U	R	U	A	T	R	T	P	K	U
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V	J	A	J	M	T	P	I	P	M	F	W	R
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R	C	R	R	I	C	O	T	H	E	T	G	U
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J	U	V	U	I	O	S	I	R	W	D	O	H
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FIND 12 WORDS

BEAVER
CRATER
FULL
GLOW
LUNAR
MOONRISE
ORBIT
PERIGEE
PLEIADES
SKY
TAURUS
TIDES

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. How many snow guns ran at once on Killington's Superstar?

2. By how many points did the Celtics lose Sunday?

3. Who beat the Patriots' next opponent?

4. How many field goals did Tyler Bass kick?

5. When is Tuesday's full moon?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

• "Star Trek" premieres on NBC.

• Bill Russell becomes the Celtics' coach.

• "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" debuts.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

9	3	2	8	4	5	7	6	1
6	7	1	3	9	2	8	4	5
4	8	5	7	6	1	3	9	2
2	4	8	6	5	7	9	1	3
5	6	7	9	1	3	4	2	8
1	9	3	4	2	8	6	5	7
7	1	9	2	3	4	5	8	6
8	5	6	1	7	9	2	3	4
3	2	4	5	8	6	1	7	9

Yesterday's sudoku. Crossword answers are upside down at the bottom of the page.

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

NOVEMBER 23 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1954 — Bruce Hornsby — 72.

1966 — Ken Block of Sister Hazel — 60.

1972 — Kurupt of Tha Dogg Pound — 54.

1984 — Lucas Grabeel — 42.

1992 — Miley Cyrus — 34.

Also today: in 1936, Robert Johnson cut his first records in Room 414 of San Antonio's Gunter Hotel, including "Sweet Home Chicago." (Texas Highways)



SPIN THIS

Tea for the Tillerman

Cat Stevens · November 23, 1970

Fifty-six years ago today, 22-year-old Cat Stevens released an album built mostly on acoustic guitar, with congas, double bass and violin.

It gave him his first Top 40 single, "Wild World," plus "Where Do the Children Play?" and "Father and Son." The album "made Stevens a star." (Ultimate Classic Rock)

Best with: a glass of Oregon Pinot.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Fri. Dec. 4 · Strelka, 14th Star, St. Albans

Sat. Dec. 5 · nextdimensional, Higher Ground

Wed. Dec. 9 · Marianne Beaulieu, Higher Ground

Sat. Dec. 12 · Homeboy Sandman, Green Door

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

On Nov. 23, 1889, a San Francisco saloon installed a coin-operated machine that played music from a wax cylinder — the jukebox's ancestor. What was it called?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. 147. 2. One, 88–87. 3. The Jets, 27–24. 4. Four. 5. About 9:54 a.m. Name That Year: 1966. Music trivia: The "nickel-in-the-slot phonograph." (Mystic Stamp Co.)
Yesterday's crossword: 1A GARNACHA · 4A NVIDIA · 8A UNABOMBER · 10A HIPP · 11A HARRISON · 2D HEINRICH · 3D MAVE · 5D QUEEN · 6D RAGU · 7D FORESTER · 9D BJORK

THE STARS

Your daily horoscope · written by the Courier, just for fun

Born today? You're a Sagittarius — and today's readings are for entertainment only.

★ ARIES — Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

A short week asks for a fast start. Knock out the hardest task before lunch and the rest of the day goes your way.

LUCKY NUMBER 12 **COLOR** SCARLET

★ TAURUS — Apr. 20 – May 20

Shop for the holiday early and skip the crowds. A practical choice today saves you real stress on Wednesday.

LUCKY NUMBER 5 **COLOR** MOSS GREEN

★ GEMINI — May 21 – June 20

Plans keep changing — let them. Your flexibility makes you the hero of this week's logistics.

LUCKY NUMBER 27 **COLOR** LEMON

★ CANCER — June 21 – July 22

Someone close needs a little reassurance. A phone call tonight means more than you know.

LUCKY NUMBER 3 **COLOR** SILVER

★ LEO — July 23 – Aug. 22

Your energy lifts a tired room. Bring the humor, and the Monday blues won't stand a chance.

LUCKY NUMBER 21 **COLOR** GOLD

★ VIRGO — Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Make the list, then check it twice. The details you catch today keep Thursday running smoothly.

LUCKY NUMBER 16 **COLOR** NAVY

★ LIBRA — Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Smooth over a small disagreement before the holiday. A kind word now keeps the table peaceful later.

LUCKY NUMBER 7 **COLOR** LAVENDER

★ SCORPIO — Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Trust your instincts on a money matter. Wait a day before any big purchase.

LUCKY NUMBER 29 **COLOR** PLUM

★ SAGITTARIUS — Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Your season, your mood: optimistic and ready to roam. Plan something fun for the long weekend.

LUCKY NUMBER 10 **COLOR** INDIGO

★ CAPRICORN — Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Steady work wins the day. Finish strong, and you can truly relax by Thursday.

LUCKY NUMBER 18 **COLOR** SLATE

★ AQUARIUS — Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

A conversation sparks a fresh idea. Share it — the right person is listening.

LUCKY NUMBER 25 **COLOR** ELECTRIC BLUE

★ PISCES — Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Rest when you can this week. A quiet evening and a good book recharge you better than anything.

LUCKY NUMBER 1 **COLOR** AQUA

TONIGHT'S SKY

Sun, moon and what to look for over Essex Junction

SUNRISE	**6:59 a.m.**
SUNSET	**4:17 p.m.**
DAYLIGHT	**9 hr 18 min**
CHANGE	**-2.0 min vs. yesterday**
MOON	**Waxing gibbous**

Times for Essex Junction, Vt.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Tonight: a nearly full moon rises in the late afternoon in the east-northeast, in Taurus near the Pleiades. It will look full tonight and Tuesday night. (EarthSky)

Tuesday: the Beaver supermoon is exactly full at about 9:54 a.m. — first of four supermoons in a row, up to 8% wider and 16% brighter than an average full moon. (EarthSky)

Wednesday: Uranus reaches opposition in Taurus; binoculars help, but the bright moon nearby makes it tough. (Universe Today)

Thanksgiving morning: Mars passes 1.7° above Regulus, with Jupiter close by, high in the south before dawn. (When the Curves Line Up)